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APPLN. OF: FOTLAND et al.
SERIAL NO.: 09/299,388
FILED: April 27, 1999
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING UNIFORM
GROUP: 1616
EXAMINER: FRANK I. CHOI DOCKET: MICRODOSE 99.01 CON

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT F UNDER RULE 116

(Remarks Only)

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed December 11, 2002. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal accompany this Amendment.

REMARKS

Before considering the latest Action in detail, it should be noted this Application has been pending for almost four years before two different Examiners. The previous Examiner Bawa indicated all but claims 1 and 48 to be allowable over the art (see the Action mailed November 15, 2001). Applicants, relying on the indicated allowability of claims 3-9, 14-30, 32-37, 49-65 and 69-71, rewrote the several dependent claims indicated to be allowable in independent form, and paid almost \$2,000.00 in added PTO fees for the several added independent claims. (See Amendment D.) No new art has been cited since the Action of November 15, 2001. Yet, all of the claims have been rejected on the art and under § 112.

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